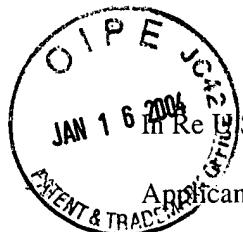


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| () By a small entity (\$1.9(f))..... | \$ 55.00 |
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